

SANDCASTLE CHILD CARE



NEWSLETTER
2018



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April News

Dear Parents:

April will be a very busy and very fun month! There are many fun and exciting activities planned for our children and our families!

April 3rd - April 7th is Sandcastle Spirit Week and April 11th - April 15th is The Week of the Young Child. Please see the flyers in this newsletter detailing all the fun things that we have planned.

The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 80,000 members and a network of over 300 local, state, and regional Affiliates.

The purpose of the Week of the Young Child™ is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

NAEYC first established the Week of the Young Child™ in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. The Week of the Young Child™ is a time to plan how we—as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation—will better meet the needs of all young children and their families.

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be in the Preschool Library during the week of April 3rd - April 7th and at the Spaghetti Dinner. This is a great opportunity to purchase reasonably priced books for your child and to raise money for books and other items that we can use in our classrooms.

Sandcastle's annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser is Tuesday, April 11th from 5-7. This is

a great event to socialize with other Sandcastle Child Care families, and a great way to support our program. We hope to see you all there!

Jennifer, Wendy, and Lisa



“Sandcastle Spirit Week”

April 2nd – 6th, 2018

Scholastic Book Fair in the library

The following special days will be celebrated center-wide:

Monday (2nd): **Crazy Hair Day**

Tuesday (3rd): **Hat Day**

Wednesday (4th): **Jersey Day**

Thursday (5th): **Color Day**

Infant 1 – white

Infant 2 – green

Infant 3 -orange

Sea Turtles – black

Sea Lions – purple

Sea Crabs - red

Whales - yellow

Penguins - blue

Sea Stars - green

Jellyfish - pink

Stingrays - orange

Puffer Fish - brown

Friday (6th): **Pajama Day**



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All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner!

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**Tuesday, April 10th
5:00 to 7:00p.m.**

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Sandcastle Gym

Individuals:	\$7.50
Children 2 – 9 yrs:	\$5.00
Children under 2:	Free



Week of the Young Child

April 16th – April 20th, 2018

Each year NAEYC Accredited Child Care Centers host a week devoted to celebrating the youngest members of our community!

Monday (16th): **Music Monday!** Through music, children develop math, language, and literacy skills – all while having fun and being active! To celebrate “Music Monday”, each classroom will have a dance party in their room between 3:00 and 5:00 PM. Special treats will be served!

Tuesday (17th): **Tasty Tuesday** Cooking together connects math with literacy skills, science, and more. With the rise in childhood obesity, it’s important to encourage healthy nutrition at home and in the classroom. Each class will make a healthy AND tasty snack to enjoy!

Wednesday (18th): **Work Together Wednesday:** When children build together they explore math and science concepts and develop their social and early literacy skills. The children will be using a variety of boxes to build different structures!

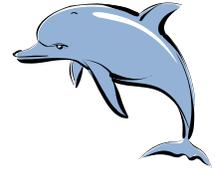
Thursday (19th): **Artsy Thursday:** Children develop creativity, social skills, and fine motor skills with open-ended art projects where they can make choices, use their imaginations, and create with their hands. Each classroom will be designing a ‘quilt square’ around the theme of friendship. Keep an eye out for the completed ‘quilt’ to be displayed by the end of the week.

Friday (20th): **Family Friday:** Engaging and celebrating families is at the heart of supporting our youngest learners. We applaud family members’ role as young children’s first and most important teachers. Please join your child and his / her classmates for a family breakfast from 7:00 -9:00.

“Infant Information”

Dolphins: (Danette, Jackie, Rose, and Carol)

During a visit from the nurse, she spent time talking to us about teething. She said it is possible that children will run low-grade fevers but if they have a temp over 101 degrees, it usually means they have a bug of some sort caused by the toys that he/she has put in their mouth to chew on. Anything they put in their mouth exposes them to all sorts of germs. Here are some tips to help with “teething”



- Take a cold wash cloth and let your child chew on it
- Put a pacifier in the freezer for a few minutes before letting them chew on it

Important Information:

The nurse said not to use ointments designed to reduce the pain; they are not necessary and may contain BENZOCAINE. This medication could cause your baby to choke because it causes the throat to go numb. We hope everyone has a very Happy Easter.

Seahorses: (Becca, Isabel, Jody, Angie, Tiffany, and Jessica)



Is it spring yet? April is a busy month for us at Sandcastle. Keep checking out our dry erase board for any updates. This past winter has been the worst for illnesses we’ve seen in a long time. The warmer weather will help, but we’re not out of the clear yet. There is a hand washing sink available for you to use to help us keep these nasty bugs at bay.

We’ll be making a large sensory “garden” in our class. If you have any fun, bright colored or textured fabric scraps, we’d love to take those off your hands. As always, thanks for your involvement in our room. We couldn’t do it without all of our great families.

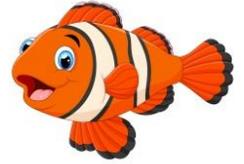
Game of the Month-“Play with real things”

Provide various (safe) things for me to see, hear, touch, taste, and smell. I learn a lot when I get to use all of my senses. Learning happens when playing with real things and interacting with people. Television and DVD’s do not provide the best way for my brain to learn.

-Infant 2 Staff

Clownfish: (Jaime, Miracle, Rosa, and Q)

Spring is finally here! We've already taken advantage of our warmer days by going for walks and enjoying the fresh air and the kiddos love it!



With spring here, please be sure to have extra clothes and outdoor gear here daily. We love to explore the outdoors.

Since the weather is getting so nice, we will be talking about baby animals and practicing the sounds they make. We will make some flowers and play in some homemade mud!

“Totally Toddlers”

Sea Lions: (Debbie, Deanna, and Brittany)

We had fun in the month of March learning about the different types of animals (farm, pets, and zoo) and also our week of colors was fun. The kids were very proud of the colors they were wearing.



During the month of April, we will have 2 weeks of April Showers, where we will talk about rain and Earth Day. The other 2 weeks we will be having “Spirit Week” and “Week of the Young Child.” Please keep your calendars handy. Also in April, we will be starting to do shape of the month. We will send the shape home and ask that you decorate the shape as a family. Don’t forget that the spaghetti dinner is April 10th from 5-7pm.

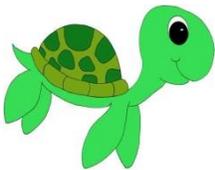
As the weather gets warmer, we will be spending more time outside, so we ask that you please bring your child in with sunscreen on in the morning and bring in a bottle of sunscreen so that we can re-apply for the afternoon. Please make sure that it is labeled with your child’s first and last name.

Things to do at home with your child:

- Go on a litter walk
- Recycle at home
- Go for a walk in the rain
- Splash in puddles

Have a great April- Debbie (6:30-1:00), Deanna M-Th (8:30-5:00), and Brittany (9:30-6:00)

Sea Turtles: (Rachel, Brittney, and Sarah)



March was fun and colorful month. We learned all about colors. How to mix them and what we can make with all the colors. We made a giant rainbow in our room out of our collages. We loved making colorful frozen yogurt. The best part was watching the yogurt turn different colors. We also loved eating them. In March we also celebrated St. Patrick’s Day. They had a blast running around, finding gold coins. We ran for a good thirty minutes. At the end of the month, we had our family bag lunch. We love that you all can take time out of your busy schedule to come and visit with us and other parents. Thank you for participating in Family Bag Lunch.

In April, we are going to learn about weather. We are going to learn about clouds through art projects; rain through painting and science. In April, we also have some fun weeks planned. The first week is Spirit Week and the third week is Week of the Young Child. Our classroom will get fun prizes if we will. April is going to be very busy. Please remember to check your Turtle’s file every night. If you have any further questions, please feel free to talk to us or even call if none of us are here.

Things to do at home:

- Visit a park
- Jump in puddles
- Have a bath with water animals
- Make cloud playdough
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Sea Crabs: (Laura, Myesha, and Marcianna)

Spring is finally here and we are loving it! We have lots of fun things planned for the month of April. Last month we had “Fun at the Zoo.” We learned all about monkeys, tigers, giraffes, and zebra. We even made giraffe art and lion art. We had a salad bar for kids in the kitchen and we loved trying all the veggies. This month our theme will be community helpers. We will be learning about all different types of community helpers like mail carriers and police officers. We are even going to be making personal pizzas. Our color of the month is black and our shape is diamond.



Things to Do at Home:

- Visit the fire station
- Send a letter in the mail- write one at home
- Visit your local grocery store

“Preschool Players”

Whales: (Megan, Patti, and Sreymao)



The Whale class is going to transition from a flower shop to “Gardening” for the month of April. In dramatic play, the class will be able to experiment with the process of planting and growing flowers and veggies. The class will also continue to grow the flowers we planted in March. After the flowers have grown some, your child will be able to take it home! We will be very busy this month with Spirit Week and Week of the Young Child. Be on the lookout for fun events!

At Home:

- When your child brings home the flower they planted in class, continue to grow it at home. This is a fun way to talk about the life cycle of a plant.
- As a family, go on a garden walk and look at all the new plants being planted into fresh, spring gardens.
- We will be reading many books about gardening, so extending this reading at home is a perfect way to bring our classroom’s theme to your home.

Penguins: (Allison, Cody, and Tiffany)



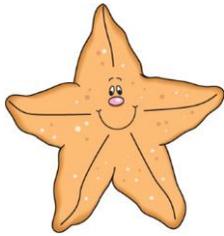
Our theme for the month of April will be “Fire station.” We have decided that it would be fun and educational to focus on some very important community helpers- firefighters. The children will become more aware of the role of a fire fighter, clothing worn by the fire fighters, and the fire station.

During this unit, our dramatic play will have fire trucks, fire suits, and fire hats. We will make ‘fire trucks’ for kids in the kitchen and our sensory table will be filled with water. We may even take a field trip to the fire station at the end of the month.

Some ideas you can do at home to continue our theme:

- Talk to your child about what would happen in the event of a fire or emergency at your house.
- Do a fire fighters workout- Do exerises such as jumping jacks, keen bends, leg lifts, and running in place, Ask your child why they think fire fighters need to be in good physical condition to do their job
- Practice “Stop, Drop, and Roll!”

Sea Stars: (Brianna, Giovanna, Jill, and Sue)



This past month our theme was Healthy Me! We learned about our bodies, how to take care of them and the people whose job it is to take care of us as well. We did this through our five-day read a louds, exploring theme toys, books, and through art. We also had lots of yummy taste testing of different foods, planted flowers, and painted with different foods and objects.

April's theme is "Discovery Street." We will be learning about community helpers and neighborhoods. You can explore this theme at home through books, visiting the fire station, police station or the post office. We are looking forward to many special activities like Spirit Week, Week of the Young Child, the spaghetti dinner, and the book fair!

“Pre-K Performers”

Jellyfish I: (Val and Sumayo)



Our theme for the month of April will be “Discovery Street.” We will be exploring our community and those who help us like fire fighters, police officers, veterinarians, shop owners, mail carriers, librarians, and neighbors. We will go on neighborhood walks, have special activities, tell stories, and talk about how the mail gets delivered. We will be writing letters in our classroom. Talk to your child different stamps, their shapes, colors and designs. Mail a letter or postcard to the call or a family member.

Look at the calendar for the fun activities we have planned for Spirit Week and Week of the Young Child. Please remember to bring extra clothes for your child and to sign the permission slips for the Shalom Home.

Jellyfish II: (Molly and Kathi)

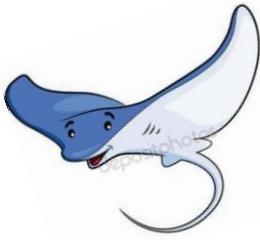
In the month of April, our theme is “Healthy Me.” We will be teaching the Jellyfish about their bodies and ways to keep them healthy. We will be learning about different health care professions. We will be discussing and learning about the importance of attending and visiting the doctor and dentist on a regular basis. We encourage you to limit your Jellyfish’s screen time ie cell phones, tables, video games, and tv and find fun active activities to do as a family and each week have your Jellyfish bring in a little description of what you did to stay active and healthy that week.



April is a busy month with lots of stuff going on with Spirit Week, Week of the Young Child, and spaghetti dinner. Be sure to check your calendars for anything that maybe going on that week.

Mother Nature also doesn’t know if she wants to warm up or stay cold. We still do go outside and there still is snow on the ground and as the snow melts there will be lots of mud. Please make sure your child still has all their winter gear here. And as the snow is melting, if you are choosing not to bring in winter gear, please make sure that your child has extra clothes in their cubby (i.e. shoes, pants, shirts, socks).

Stingrays: (Stacey, Ashley, Margaret, and Patti)



Happy Spring! The Stingrays are enjoying the warmer temperatures while playing outside.

Our classroom was very loud at times during our construction theme. The children had fun pounding nails into wood and screwing nails into foam, as well as building some very creative structures. They may even ask to help with any repair jobs at home.

Our theme this month is Spring/ Backyard Detectives. We will have a tent as well as some outdoor critters in our dramatic play area. We also have a lot of fun days planned during Spirit Week and Week of the Young Child. Please check the calendar daily.

Do you ever ask your child what they did or learned during the day and they say 'nothing' or 'I don't remember?' Your weekly lesson plan is a great tool to help them to remember. Some possible questions to ask are- What was the book about during morning meeting? What were the vocabulary words and do you remember the meaning? Do they remember the question and the answer they gave during Think, Pair, Share? What was their partners answer? What did they do during small group? The answers to all these questions and more are written on your child's lesson plan to help facilitate conversations with your child.



We are looking forward to a fun and busy month. We hope to see you all at the Spaghetti Dinner.

Puffer Fish: (Becky and Mia)

Happy Spring!

Throughout the month of April, we will be learning all about our change in seasons and the weather! As we are getting outside more often, we will be tracking and taking pictures of our large tree out front of the school and documenting its progress from winter to spring! We hope that everyone participates in our Spirit Week!

We hope spring brings lots of sunshine, smiles, and fun!